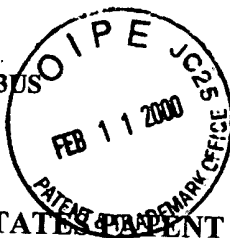


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SERIAL NUMBER: 08/851,628 EXAMINER: David S. Romeo
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to file a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) of the above-identified prior non-provisional application. With this Petition for Extension of Time, the above-mentioned document is due on or before Monday, February 14, 2000. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00960-515 (CRP-145). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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